NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION ===

LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH JULY 2020

WHEREAS, North Dakota is home to many scenic lakes and reservoirs that include one of the country's premier destination fisheries — Devils Lake with abundant perch and walleye — and more than 400 bodies of water to fish in from every corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, July marks a time for North Dakota citizens to celebrate their appreciation for the benefits lakes provide; and

WHEREAS, lakes are an integral part of North Dakota's way of life and the state's environment; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's lakes support healthy, outdoor activity and contribute to healthy, vibrant communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, lakes are sources of recreation, scenic beauty and habitats for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's lakes are a valuable economic resource for businesses, the tourism industry and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, many volunteers and local organizations have demonstrated the importance of protecting the quality of North Dakota's lakes by actively monitoring their health.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 2020, LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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Doug Burgum GOVERNOR

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